

What can I do to get involved?

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If you have donated to this program, you have already taken your first step towards participating in shark conservation. We need your help to be able to do this important work and we are very grateful for your support.

The first step towards achieving change is through educating yourself and others about sharks, their conservation status and the importance of their survival in the ocean. You can help by avoiding eating or using shark products, such as shark cartilage pills, shark meat, shark liver oil, and shark fin soup. Research sea food sources to make sure you are supporting sustainable fisheries.

Finally write to you government representatives and urge them to support and prioritize ocean conservation and the creation of marine protected areas. Our ocean resources are finite and we must act now to ensure that our children and grand children enjoy them as well.

Looking at the not too distant past, just a few generations, we can see where a terrible mistake was made. In Europe and the Americas, all the big predators, the bear, the wolf and the lion, were hunted to near extinction. The idea back then was, "The only good bear is a dead bear."

Our generation cannot afford to make the same mistake with the great predators of the sea. Don't let the massacre of sharks continue because it happens out of our sight or to animals some of us may be afraid of. We make decisions every day. Make a decision today to help sharks, help the ocean and help yourself.

For more ideas about protecting sharks, visit our [Sharks in Danger page](#) .